

2017-2018 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

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REQUEST: Since the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) FY 2018 Proposed Budget was complete prior to the release of the report from the Task Force on the PARC Aquatics Master Plan, please provide what pools were planned to be open, which pools were planned to be closed for repairs, and those planned for permanent closure for the summer of 2018.

RESPONSE:

The Aquatic Division of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department plans to operate all swimming pools during the summer of 2018.

The Aquatic Division was unable to operate four facilities in the summer of 2017: Shipe, Govalle, Givens, and Mabel Davis. The Department did not plan to close Givens or Mabel Davis in 2017; extensive and costly infrastructure failures forced these unplanned closures. Shipe and Govalle were closed in advance of planned renovations because code compliance expenses far exceeded available budget and anticipated revenue for their seasonal operation.

These four pools are scheduled to re-open for the 2018 swim season. However, any complications to repair (Mabel Davis and Givens) or construction timelines (Shipe and Govalle) could cause continuing unplanned closures for these pools for the 2018 swim season. In addition, significant infrastructure failures at any other pool facility are likely to cause unplanned closures for the 2018 swim season.